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Revision of the pay of draughtsmen in the Forest Engineering department.

* 1960 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rates of pay which have been sanctioned for the draughtsmen in the Forest Engineering department which carries out major works of the Forest Department as per section 92 of the Madras Public Works Department Code ;

(*b*) how these rates of pay were arrived at ;

(*c*) whether the pay of the tracer in the Forest Engineering branch has been revised with reference to the revised scale of pay of Public Works Department tracers ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the nature of work and qualifications demanded of the draughtsmen in both the departments are more or less alike ;

(*e*) whether, in view of the contemplated revision of the scales of pay of the Public Works Department draughtsmen, the pay of those in the Forest Engineering branch will also be correspondingly revised as has been done in the case of tracers ; and

(*f*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) Chief Forest Engineer's office—
Permanent, one draughtsman on Rs. 50—3—80.
Temporary, one head draughtsman Rs. 110.
" one draughtsman on Rs. 40.

Forest Engineer, Olavakkot—
Temporary, one surveyor draughtsman on Rs. 75—5—125.

Logging Engineer, Ootacamund—
Temporary, two draughtsmen on Rs. 75 each.

(*b*) The permanent draughtsman in the Chief Forest Engineer's office is borne on the sanctioned cadre of the Public Works Department and he draws pay in the sanctioned scale of the cadre. As regards the head draughtsman, he was originally employed in the office of the Conservator of Forests, VI Circle, on a scale of pay of Rs. 60—4—80. His pay in Chief Forest Engineer's office was increased from Rs. 100 to Rs. 105 in 1925 and Rupees 110 in 1926. The post of temporary draughtsman on Rs. 40 was transferred to the Chief Forest Engineer's office from the office of the Conservator, III Circle, which was abolished in 1925. The pay was probably fixed on the basis of the minimum pay of draughtsman in District Forest offices (Rs. 35—60) plus the Presidency allowance of Rs. 5.

The Forest Exploitation Officer, Olavakkot, had originally a draughtsman on Rs. 60—4—80. This post was converted into that of a surveyor on Rs. 75—5—125 in 1924 and is being continued from year to year in the temporary scale.

The pay of the two draughtsmen under the Logging Engineer was fixed at Rs. 75 as it was not possible to get suitable men on lower pay for the mapping and cruising work.

(*c*) Yes.

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(*d*) The draughtsman's work in the Forest Engineering branch is similar to that in the Public Works Department in respect of the construction of buildings and roads undertaken by that branch.

(*e*) & (*f*) There is no such proposal.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to clauses (*e*) and (*f*), may I know the reason why there is no such proposal to revise the salary of those in the Forest Engineering branch ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There is no representation."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if Government revise the salaries only on representations from those in the service ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Sometimes."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" At other times ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Without representation."

Capital outlay on and net income from forests.

* 1961 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total capital outlay on forests ; and

(*b*) what the percentage of net income is ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether the hon. the Law Member will call for information with regard to this question ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Capital accounts of the Russellkonda Saw Mill.

* 1962 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total loss or gain for the period for which accounts are available for Russellkonda Saw Mill ;

(*b*) what the book value of the assets is ; and

(*c*) what the estimated value of such assets is ?

A.—(*a*) The net loss on the working of the mills is Rs. 56,898. This is exclusive of the value of the assets which Government propose to sell, for some at least of which no market price can be definitely given without an actual sale.

(*b*) Rs. 3,96,457–8–11.

(*c*) Rs. 2,81,137–4–8.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether this mill will not be working hereafter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No."